

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether government has launched Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to give focused impetus "improvement in market infrastructure and modernization of ginning and pressing sector";
- (b) if so, the total number of market yard improved / developed and number of ginning and pressing factories modernized during the last three years;
- (c) the target fixed for the 10th five year plan period in this regard and the total fund earmarked for this purpose;
- (d) whether the funds for this purpose is being shared by both the State Governments and Union Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years, under Mini Mission- III of the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC), development of 60 market yards were sanctioned out of which 36 market yards have been developed. Under Mini Mission-IV of the TMC, modernisation of 323 ginning & pressing factories were sanctioned out of which 150 factories have been modernized.

(c) The target for 10th Five Year Plan is development of 60 market yards and modernisation of 350 ginning & pressing factories with an outlay of Rs.152.60 crore.

(d)& (e) The expenditure on development of market yard is shared between the Government of India and the respective Agriculture Produce Market Committee of the State Government in the ratio of 60:40. However, Government of India's assistance is limited to Rs.90 lakh for improvement of existing yard and Rs.150 lakh for setting up new market yard. For modernisation of ginning & pressing factory, capital incentive @25% of the cost of modernisation subject to a limit of Rs.20 lakh is provided by the Government of India and the balance is borne by the ginning & pressing factory owner. Further, additional incentive @25% of the cost subject to the limit of Rs.7 lakh for installation of new bale press and Rs.4 lakh for installation of grading laboratory is also provided by the Government of India.